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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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TAGS: EAIR, GR

SUBJECT: CIVAIR - USER CHARGES

1. PURSUANT TO THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION  
FAIR COMPETITIVE PRACTICES ACT OF 1974, THE U.S.  
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION IS REQUIRED TO SURVEY  
AVIATION USER CHARGES ASSESSED U.S. INTERNATIONAL AIR  
CARRIERS BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS OR AUTHORITIES AND  
DETERMINE WHETHER SUCH CHARGES ARE "UNREASONABLY  
EXCESSIVE OR OTHERWISE DISCRIMINATORY." IN THIS REGARD  
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) HAS REQUESTED  
THAT EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHETHER AIRPORT AND  
AIR NAVIGATION USER FEES ASSESSED BY GREEK AUTHORITIES  
DISCRIMINATE AGAINST U.S. AIR CARRIERS. MOST IMPORTANTLY,  
DOT NEEDS TO ESTABLISH WHETHER OLYMPIC AIRWAYS CURRENTLY  
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IS PAYING THE SAME AVIATION USER FEES BEING ASSESSED

U.S. AIR CARRIERS.

2. DOT BELIEVES THAT, WHEN ONASSIS OPERATED OLYMPIC UNDER CONTRACT TO GOG, OLYMPIC ENJOYED AN OFFICIAL EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF AIRPORT LANDING FEES AND POSSIBLY FROM AIR NAVIGATION CHARGES. IN LIEU OF PAYMENT OF LANDING FEES IT WAS ALLEGED THAT OLYMPIC PROVIDED TO ALL AIRPORT USERS CERTAIN SERVICES WHOSE PROVISION USUALLY IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AN AIRPORT OPERATOR OR AUTHORITY.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INQUIRE AS TO THE CURRENT STATUS OF OLYMPIC PAYMENT OF AVIATION USER CHARGES AND OF ANY SERVICES PROVIDED IN LIEU THEREOF AND REPORT TO DEPT. AT THIS PRELIMINARY STAGE, EMBASSY SHOULD NOT MENTION THE POSSIBILITY OF ACTION UNDER THE ACT.  
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